



The Vox



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President's Message

I was pleased to present the 2016 Pres Schuler Award for excellence in service to amateur radio in the Lehigh Valley to Don Hoppes (NOVGA) at our annual Christmas party. In the past years Don has been a reliable volunteer for ARES and club events like Field Day and club station work parties. For the last two years Don has been the Chairman of the club picnic committee. Don is also a member of the LVARC Volunteer Examiners team, which administers FCC license exams. In addition to his membership in the LVARC, Don is an active member of two other area Amateur Radio Clubs.

In addition to his amateur radio volunteer activities, Don has been a volunteer for Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County.

It is with pride and gratitude that I was able to present this award to Don.

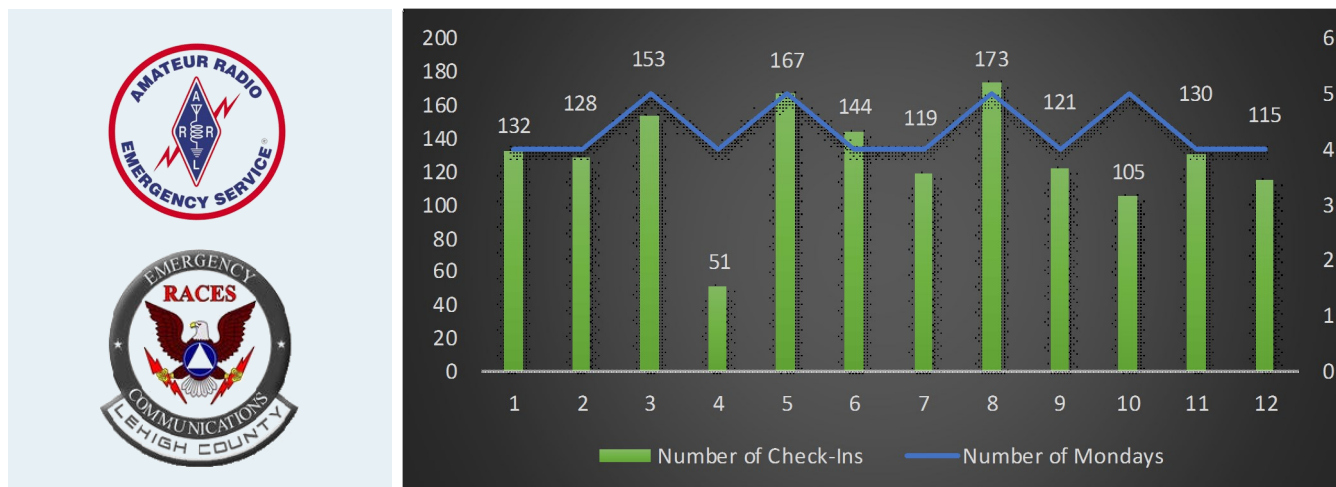
de John (AB3LZ)



Life Members



Monday Night Traffic Net



On Monday nights at 7:30pm the club has a different kind of 'meeting' on the air called a traffic net. Members and non-members can check in and hone their emergency traffic handling skills as part of the net. The net takes place on the primary repeater used by the club on 146.94 Mhz. Messages, bulletins and traffic are handled by the net control station. Tune in for announcements of upcoming meetings and club events.



Check-Ins Every Monday Night
LC/LVARC/RACES Net on
146.94 (PL 71.9)

Alternate frequency on
147.735/147.135 (DCS 315)

The Net begins at 7:30 p.m. ET

LVARC Repeaters
146.34 / 146.94 (PL 71.9)
147.735/147.135 (DCS - 315)
Club Simplex Frequency - 147.420

2016 Monday Night Check-In Summary

Month	Count	Days
January	132	4
February	128	4
March	153	5
April	51	4
May	167	5
June	144	4
July	119	4
August	173	5
September	121	4
October	105	5
November	130	4
December	115	4

ARES Event Schedule



2017 ARES Events		
Location	Time	Date
St. Luke's/Lehigh Valley Road Runner's Half Marathon	TBD	Sunday, April 23 rd
Palmerton 5K and 10K (Although not an LVARC event, this event needs operators to provide communications support.)	TBD	May, TBD
Hanover Township Spring 5K	TBD	June, TBD
VIA Marathon	TBD	Saturday, September 9 th
Women's 5K Classic	TBD	Saturday, October 7 th
Hanover Township Fall 5K	TBD	November, TBD
D&L Rail Trail Half Marathon	TBD	November, TBD

"Listen to the Monday Night Net, information at meetings and read the VOX for information as events near. To volunteer, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com except for the D&L Rail Trail. Contact Rod (N3XG) at n3xg.radio@gmail.com to volunteer for that event."

Mark, AK3M

ARES Report

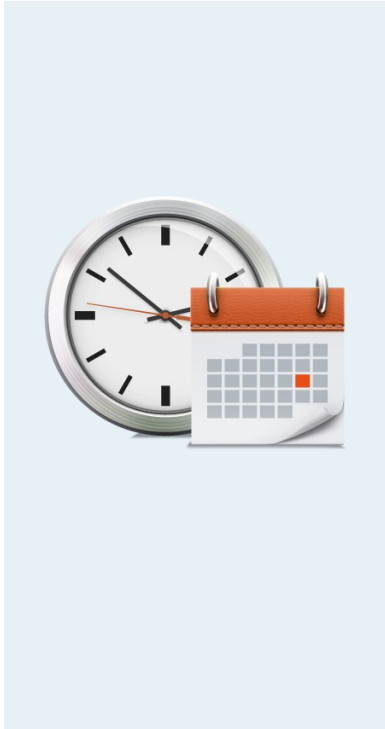


2016 ARES Summary

In 2016, the LVARC provided communications support for 6 community events. The ARES events include: Half Marathon (April 24), Hanover Township Spring 5K (June 4), VIA Marathon (September 11), Women's 5K Classic (October 1), Hanover Township Fall 5K (November 6) and D&L Rail Trail Half Marathon (November 6).

Mark, AK3M

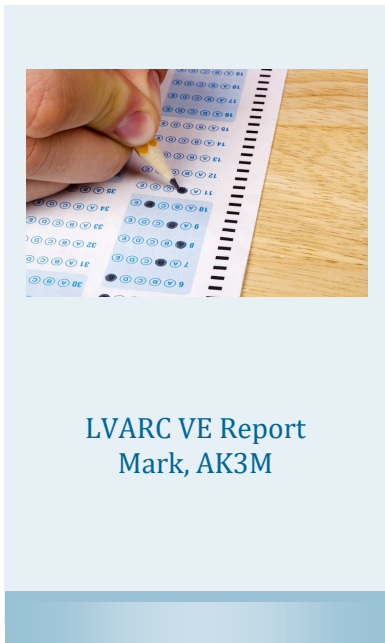
LVARC VE Schedule



2017 LVARC Test Sessions		
Location	Time	Date
Hanover Elementary School	6:30 p.m.	Friday, January 20 th
Hanover Elementary School	6:30 p.m.	Friday, February 17 th
Hanover Elementary School	6:30 p.m.	Friday, March 17 th
Hanover Elementary School	6:30 p.m.	Friday, April 21 st
Hanover Elementary School	6:30 p.m.	Friday, May 19 th
LVARC Field Day site	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Saturday, June 24 th
Summer Break	6:30 p.m.	No Test Session
Summer Break	6:30 p.m.	No Test Session
Hanover Elementary School	6:30 p.m.	Friday, September 15 th
Hanover Elementary School	6:30 p.m.	Friday, October 20 th
Hanover Elementary School	6:30 p.m.	Friday, November 17 th
Hanover Elementary School	6:30 p.m.	Friday, December 15 th

"Bruce Newell achieved his Technician license at the December 16, 2016 test session and received the call KC3IIM on December 28, 2017. Congratulations and welcome to the hobby." Mark, AK3M

LVARC VE Report



LVARC VE Report
Mark, AK3M

Volunteer Examiners

Date: The next VE test session will be on February 17 2017
 Location: Hanover Elementary School at 6:30 pm.
 Registration: Contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.
 Enrollment: One person has scheduled to test for January.

Report:

On the December 16, 2016 test session, three tested and three passed.
 VE's in attendance included Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP) and Don (NOVGA).

Bruce Newell achieved his Technician license at the December 16, 2016 test session and received the call KC3IIM on December 28, 2017.

Congratulations:

Bob Fridell, KC3IAT — General
 Bruce Newell, KC3IIM — Technician
 Dale Yoder, KC3GVD — Extra



2016 ARES and VE Summary

During the 2016 calendar year, the LVARC continued to provide communications support for community events (ARES) and administer amateur radio tests.

ARES

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VE Program

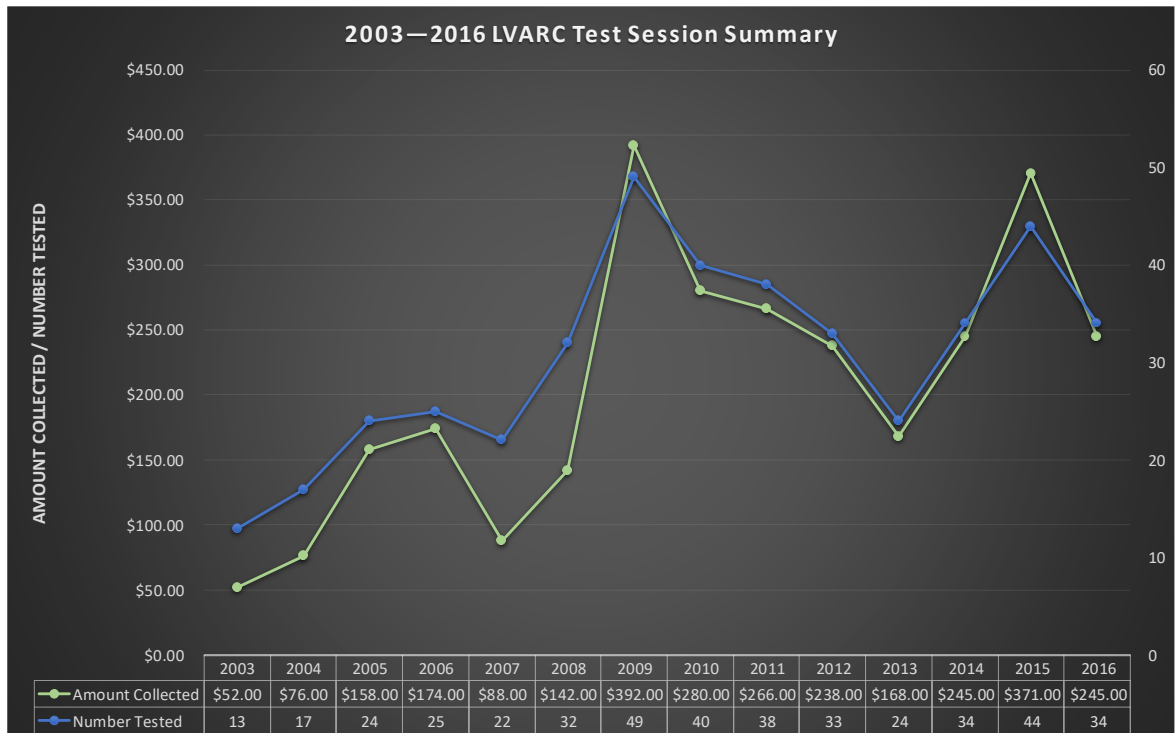
The LVARC testing program held 9 test sessions (including Field Day), tested a total of 34 people and earned a total of \$245.00.

Since the start of the LVARC VE program (2003) 429 people have been tested and a total of \$2,895 has been collected.

2003—2016 LVARC Test Session Summary

Year	Number Tested	Amount Collected
2003	13	\$52.00
2004	17	\$76.00
2005	24	\$158.00
2006	25	\$174.00
2007	22	\$88.00
2008	32	\$142.00
2009	49	\$392.00
2010	40	\$280.00
2011	38	\$266.00
2012	33	\$238.00
2013	24	\$168.00
2014	34	\$245.00
2015	44	\$371.00
2016	34	\$245.00
14 Years	429	\$2,895.00

The following is a review of the number of those who tested with the LVARC and the amount collected for the LVARC VE program in 2016." Mark, AK3M



Communications



"I've added this page for 2017 to highlight Communications and the Club Station."

John, WB3DX

Club Station



LVARC Meeting and Club Station Schedule



LVARC Meeting and Club Station Schedule for 2017

Month	Business Meeting	Presenter	Club Station
January	EMS Council of Eastern PA	Guest Speaker	Paul
February	NTS	Rodney Wolfe	Beast Feast
March	Digital Voice VHF/UHF HF	Jeff Bauer	Chuck/John
April	SDR	Joe Reynick	Paul
May	Contesting	Andy Koslap	TBD
June	Field Day Prep	Rod (N3XG)	Field Day
July	DSTAR	Dave Jenkins	Club Picnic
August	Antenna, Tuners & SWR	Paul Ryan	Rod
September	Lehigh County	Scott Lindenmuth	John
October	NVIS Antennas	Mike Mandell	Paul
November	Skywarn	Guest Speaker	Rod
December	Club Elections	All Members	Christmas Party

■ September and November are awaiting confirmation from presenters and may be subject to change in the future.

■ Please note that there are 4 months that the club station will not be open. They are months that we have other activities scheduled (i.e. Field Day).

If there appears to be a strong demand for station use we will add additional nights.

Right now we will see who shows up and people will have to share time on machines if we get more than 3 or 4 at a time.



february 2017

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 ARES/RACES Net 7:30 pm	7 LVARC Mtg 7:30 pm NTS Rodney Wolfe	8 District 2 RACES Net 7:30 pm 147.255	9	10	11
12 Deadline to Schedule VE Test	13 ARES/RACES Net 7:30 pm	14	15 District 2 RACES Net 7:30 pm 147.255	16	17 VE Test Session Hanover Elem. School 6:30 pm	18
19	20 ARES/RACES Net 7:30 pm	21	22 District 2 RACES Net 7:30 pm 147.255	23	24	25
26	27 ARES/RACES Net 7:30 pm	28				

notes

There are no scheduled hands-on nights for 2017. However, the club station will be open for selected third Tuesday nights.

LVARC Minutes January 2017

Tri-Clover Fire Company, Orefield, PA

1/4/2017

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30PM on Jan 4, 2017 by President Bartos .

There were a total of 29 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 1 guests.

Guests: WT Jones, WN3LIF

The following Board Members were present at the meeting: John Bartos, Chuck Ballard, Brian Snyder, Mike Mandell, Paul Ryan, Rick Pierce, Rodney Wolfe, Phil Biggs

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Moved: Chuck, W3CDY

Second: Don, NOVGA

Carried

Treasurer's Report (Brian-KB3QHA)

Treasurer's report was read.

Motion to approve: Dave, W3AMC

Second: Chuck, W3CDY

Motion carried

Committee Reports

Repeater:

Rod reported we are still waiting for Lehigh County to provide funds for repair of the Dstar Icom repeaters.

Program:

Tonight's program was Eastern PA EMS. February Rod, N3XG will present on NTS. There is no hands-on night in the next 2 months, but the club station will be open on the third Tuesday in January. February hands-on night is the Old Country Buffet dinner.

Volunteer Examiners:

3 tested, 3 passed, one new ham.

Congratulations to Bruce Newell who tested at the December 16, 2016 test session and received the call KC3IIM on December 28, 2017. VE's included Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP) and Don (NOVGA).

The next test session is January 20. One is scheduled to test at that test session. The 2017 test sessions are listed in the VOX. The ARRL also has a new listing of the 2017 LVARC test sessions on their website.

Mark updated the exam info on the ARRL website.

ARES:

Mark, AK3M has provided the Vox editor with a preliminary list of events.

Communications:

Chuck, W3CDY reported a meeting before our business meeting on February 7 at 7PM.

Club Station:

Station will be open for general use Jan 17. The RTTY Roundup will be this coming weekend, and we could open the club station for this.

Old Business:

Christmas party was a success, and 4 radios were given out. Don, NOVGA was presented the Pres Schuler award in December. We have a plaque with all life members listed on it which will hang in the club station.

New Business:

John, AB3LZ asked to approve a contribution to Tri Clover FD in the amount of 300.00. This is up from our past donations, partially because we are now using more electricity than in the past. Some discussion regarding the amount of the donation.

Motion to donate 250.00 Rod, N3XG

Second: Chuck, W3CDY

Carried

Good of the Order:

Nothing reported.

Sick Report:

John, W3AMD is better and back to work on the website.

New Member Applicants:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08PM

Moved: Chuck, W3CDY

Seconded: Phil, KB3HMK

Carried

Minutes submitted by: Mike, KC3BLF

LVARC Club Announcements



Your VOX input is needed!

Send any VOX submissions to:

John, WB3DX at johnahilderbrand@gmail.com

The VOX is your newsletter. Feel free to submit articles and pictures for inclusion of the VOX.

General Interest



Classified

The following items are for sale by Kenny Bass, KC3BLE

- Kenwood TS-450S transceiver - Asking \$400 or best reasonable offer.
- Astron RS-35A power supply - Asking \$100 or best reasonable offer.
- U.S. M3 Fighting Knife (detailed replica) - Asking \$25 or best reasonable offer.
"In use only from 1943-1944, the M3 trench knife was a close-combat knife issued to airborne troops, army rangers, and military members not otherwise equipped with a bayonet."

Call Kenny at (610) -776 -0717